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SUBJ: U.S.-SAUDI JOINT COMMISSION - HOUSING

REF : A. JIDDA 4644; B. STATE 153437

1. IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT REF. A HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE REF B WAS SENT. ALTHOUGH THE TEAM DESCRIBED IN REF B DOES LOOK STRONG, WE MUST RELUCTANTLY STICK TO THE SAUDI REQUEST THAT NO TEAM BE DISPATCHED BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

2. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL B WILL BE PASSED TO MUQBIL KHALAF, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HOUSING, MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TO MIN. STATE FINANCE, MOHAMMED ABA AL-KHAYL. THAT INFORMATION SHOULD HELP CLARIFY OUR INTEREST AND HELP US MOVE FORWARD. AS STATED IN REFTEL A, WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH KHALAF AND ABA AL-KHAYL ON THIS MATTER.

3. SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE ARE ENCOUNTERING ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SAUDIS HAVE A DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HOUSING, BUT NO DIRECTORATE. THEY HAVE JUST NOT GOTTEN OFF THE GROUND YET. THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT FUND, BECAUSE OF LACK OF PERSONNEL, HAS HAD TO PASS ITS RESPONSIBILITIES ON TO A SELECTION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS. WHILE THE LACK OF ORGANIZATION CERTAINLY LEAVES ROOM FOR

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A GREAT DEAL OF ASSISTANCE, IT ALSO MAKES DEALING WITH

THE SAG FRUSTRATING IN THE EXTREME. WHEN THE TEAM DOES
COME, ALMOST ALL OF THE PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL
HAVE TO BE DONE BY THE EMBASSY OR JECOR IN RIYADH, AND
MUCH TIME WILL STILL BE WASTED. WASHINGTON MUST REMEMBER
THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN PLANNING, AND ALLOW CONSIDERABLE
TIME FOR DEVELOPMENTS TO OCCUR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTPONE HOUSING TEAM VISIT UNTIL
SEPTEMBER.
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